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The GUARDIAN.

Alveos accipite, ceris opus infundite,
Fuci recuſant, apibus conditio placet. Phædr.

Wedneſday, July 22. 1713.

I Think my ſelf obliged to acquaint the Publick, that the Lion's Head, of which I advertiſed them about a Fortnight ago, is now erected at *Button*'s Coffee houſe in *Ruſſel ſtreet*, *Covent-Garden*, where it opens its Mouth at all Hours for the Reception of ſuch Intelligence as ſhall be thrown into it. It is reckoned an excellent Piece of Workmanſhip, and was deſigned by a great Hand in Imitation of the Antique *Ægyptian* Lion, the Face of it being Compounded out of that of a Lion and a Wizzard. The Features are ſtrong and well furrow'd. The Whiskers are admired by all that have ſeen them. It is planted on the Weſtern Side of the Coffee houſe, holding its Paws under the Chin upon a Box, which contains every thing that he ſwallows. He is indeed a proper Emblem of *Knowledge* and *Action*, being all Head and Paws.

I need not acquaint my Readers, that my Lion, like a Moth or Book Worm, feeds upon nothing but Paper, and ſhall only beg of them to Diet him with wholſom and ſubſtantial Food. I muſt therefore deſire that they will not gorge him either with Nonſenſe or Obſcenity; and muſt likewiſe inſiſt, that his Mouth be not defiled with Scandal, for I would not make uſe of him to revile the Human Species, and Satyriſe thoſe who are his Betters. I ſhall not ſuffer him to worry any Man's Reputation, nor indeed fall on any Perſon whatſoever, ſuch only excepted as diſgrace the Name of this generous Animal, and under the Title of Lions contrive the Ruin of their Fellow-Subjects. I muſt deſire likewiſe, that Intrieguers will not make a Pimp of my Lion, and by his means convey their Thoughts to one another. Thoſe who are read in the Hiſtory of the Popes obſerve, that the *Leo's* have been the beſt, and the *Innocents* the worſt of that Species, and I hope that I ſhall not be thought to derogate from my Lion's Character, by repreſenting him as ſuch a peaceable good-natured well-deſigning Beaſt.

I intend to publiſh once every Week *the roarings of the Lion*, and hope to make him roar ſo loud as to be heard over all the *Britiſh* Nation.

If my Correſpondents will do their Parts in prompting him, and ſupplying him with ſuitable Proviſion, I queſtion not but the Lion's Head will be reckoned the beſt Head in *England*.

There is a Notion generally received in the World, that a Lion is a dangerous Creature to all Women who are not Virgins, which may have given occaſion to a fooliſh Report, that my Lion's Jaws are ſo contrived, as to ſnap the Hands of any of the Female Sex, who are not thus qualified to approach it with Safety. I ſhall not ſpend much time in expoſing the falſity of this Report, which I believe will not weigh any thing with Women of Senſe, I ſhall only ſay, that there is not one of the Sex in all the Neighbourhood of *Covent Garden*, who may not put her Hand in the Mouth with the ſame Security as if ſhe were a Veſtal. However that the Ladies may not be deterred from correſponding with me by this Method, I muſt acquaint them, that the Coffee-Man has a little Daughter of about four Years old who has been virtuouſly educated, and will lend her

(Price Two Pence.)

her Hand, upon this Occaſion, to any Lady that ſhall deſire it of her.

In the mean time I muſt further acquaint my fair Readers, that I have Thoughts of making a Proviſion for them at my Ingenious Friend Mr. *Motteux*'s, or at *Corticelli*'s, or ſome other Place frequented by the Wits and Beauties of the Sex. As I have here a Lion's Head for the Men, I ſhall there erect an Unicorn's Head for the Ladies, and will ſo contrive it that they may put in their Intelligence at the top of the Horn, which ſhall convey it into a little Receptacle at the bottom prepared for that purpoſe. Out of theſe two Magazines I ſhall ſupply the Town from time to time with what may tend to their Edification, and at the ſame Time carry on an epiſtolary Correſpondence between the two Heads, not a little Beneficial both to the Publick and to my ſelf. As both theſe Monſters will be very inſatiable, and devour great Quantities of Paper, there will no ſmall Uſe redound from them to that Manufacture in particular.

The following Letter having been left with the Keeper of the Lion, with a Requeſt from the Writer that it may be the firſt Morſel which is put into his Mouth, I ſhall communicate it to the Publick as it came to my Hand, without examining whether it be proper Nouriſhment, as I intend to do for the future.

Mr. GUARDIAN,

'YOUR Predeceſſor, the *Spectator*, endeavour'd, 'but in vain, to improve the Charms of the 'fair Sex, by expoſing their Dreſs whenever it 'launched into Extremities. Among the reſt the 'great Petticoat came under his Conſideration, but 'in Contradiction to whatever he has ſaid they ſtill 'reſolutely perſiſt in this Faſhion. The Form of their 'Bottom is not, I confeſs, altogether the ſame; for 'whereas before it was of an orbicular Make, they 'now look as if they were preſs'd, ſo that they 'ſeem to deny Acceſs to any Part but the Middle. 'Many are the Inconveniencies that accrue to Her 'Majeſty's loving Subjects from the ſaid Petticoats, 'as hurting Mens Shins, ſweeping down the 'Ware of induſtrious Females in the Street, '&c. I ſaw a young Lady fall down, the other 'Day, and, believe me Sir, ſhe very much reſembled an overturned Bell without a Clapper. 'Many other Diſaſters I could tell you of that befall 'themſelves as well as others, by means of this 'unwieldy Garment. I wiſh, Mr. GUARDIAN, 'you would join with me in ſhowing your Diſlike 'of ſuch a monſtrous Faſhion, and I hope when 'the Ladies ſee 'tis the Opinion of two of the 'wiſeſt Men in *England*, they will be convinced 'of their Folly.

I am, SIR,

Your daily Reader and Admirer,

Tom. Plain.

This Paper is to be had of Mr. Yemes *under the* Thatch'd-houſe *Tavern in St.* James's-ſtreet; *Mrs.* Bond *at* Charing-croſs; *Mrs.* Bolter *and Mrs.* Dodd *near the* Temple-gate; *and Mr.* Round *in* Exchange-Ally.

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This Evening, at 6 a-Clock preciſely, will be Sold the Capital Picture of Nicola Pouſſin, an excellent Head of De Vos, Painted by Van Dyck, and Anna Maria Skeurman Painted by the Life; alſo the three Porto-folios of Italian Drawings letter'd A. B. C. in the Bibliotheca Seleƈtiſſima: Amongſt the Drawings there are many done by Raphael Urbin, Titian, Guido Reni, P. Veroneſe, P. Cortona, P. Ligorio, and other Celebrated Maſters. N. B. The Pictures and Drawings may be ſeen till the time of Sale, at the Green Door in the Little Piazza Covent Garden.

For the Good of the Publick.

Whereas ſeveral Ladies, Gentlewomen, and others of that Sex, in this Kingdom, have contracted an evil Habit of Body, wherein the vicious Humours, at firſt diſperſed thro' the Whole, come at length to be lodg'd in one Part or another, and many times, for Cauſes too long here to be mentioned, are thrown down upon the Womb, occaſioning a dangerous Weakneſs in that Part, which being neglected, at laſt turns cancerous, and often proves fatal; This is to acquaint all ſuch as may have Occaſion, that a certain and ſpeedy Relief is to be had from an experienced Midwife, living now at the Goldſmith's over-againſt Exeter-Exchange in the Strand, who lately performed a wonderful Cure upon a Lady at the Bath, after ſhe was given over by Phyſicians; and has cured ſeveral other Perſons ſince ſhe came from the Bath within the City and Suburbs of London.

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